(d) whether Government propose to improve the quality of wheat and rice to be distributed through fair price shops in the country to encourage public to buy only through PDS; and

(e) if so, the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) FCI issues rice and wheat of fair average quality to State Governments and UT Administrations, which in turn administer the further distribution of the commodities through fair price shops. Large quantities of wheat and rice of the order of 14 million tonnes are generally lifted by public through fair price shops. The Central Government has, however, requested the State Governments/ UT Administrations to tighten supervision to ensure that proper quality of wheat and rice reaches all consumers.

Introducing computers in sanskrit education and research

1698. SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the importance of Sanskrit in solving problems relating to the computer processing of Indian Languages;

(b) if so, what are the schemes for involving Sanskrit scholars on computer oriented language projects on continuing basis;

(c) what are the training programmes to introduce computers in Sanskrit education and research; and

(d) which Sanskrit institutions have been identified for conducting computer training programmes at different levels certificates, diploma and degree?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Department of Electronics has funded projects under the Technology Development for Indian Languages (TDIL) Programme. The basic areas covered are:

(i) Information processing system in Sanshkrit;

(ii) computer based semantic processing;

(iii) Sanskrit Grammar; and

(iv) preparation of course material, curriculam and guidelines for introduction of Sanskrit to linguistics and computer scientists;

The participating institutions are:

1. Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi.

2. Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati.

3. Gurukul Kangdi University, Haridwar.

4. Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, Varanasi.

5. Academy of Sanskrit Research, Melkote.

(d) Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi is running certificate course for B.Ed. and M. Ed. students in the area of Computer Assisted Sanskrit Learning & Teaching.

सिविल सेवा व्यक्तित्व परीक्षा के लिए निर्धारित किए गए अंक

1699. श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय प्रशासनिक सेवा और भारतीय पुलिस सेवा में अन्तिम चयन, में साक्षात्कार के लिए 300 अंक निर्धारित किए गए हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि लिखित परीक्षा में 65% अंक प्राप्त करने वाले अभ्यर्थियों को साक्षात्कार में केवल 10–15% अंक दिए गए जबकि लिखित परीक्षा में 45% अंक प्राप्त करने वाले कुछ अभ्यर्थियों को साक्षात्कार में 80–90% अंक दिए गए;

(ग) क्या सरकार साक्षात्कार के लिए निर्धारित अंकों को 300 से घटाकर 30 करने पर विचार कर रही है ताकि ग्रामीण पृष्ठभूमि से आने वाले मेधावी छात्रों को परेशानी न उठानी पड़े; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार इस मामले में क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

कार्मिक लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मार्गेट आल्वा) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) यह संभव है चूंकि सिविल सेवा (मुख्य) परीक्षा की साक्षात्कार परीक्षा में साक्षात्कार बोर्डों द्वारा अभ्यर्थियों को दिए गए अंक साक्षात्कार परीक्षा में अभ्यर्थी के कार्य निष्पादन पर आधारित होते हैं । मुख्य परीक्षा की लिखित परीक्षा में अभ्यर्थी द्वारा प्राप्त किए गए अंकों की जानकारी साक्षात्कार बोर्ड को नहीं दी जाती है ।

(ग) और (घ) सरकार के पास साक्षात्कार परीक्षा के अंक कम करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

Foreign Exchange to bal to produce Jaguar aircraft

1700. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Far Eastern Economic Review, dated 11th July, 1991 captioned "Jaguar Jumble" indicating that HAL, Bangalore is the only Jaguar production line on stream which can expect export orders from existing Jaguar operators, such as Equador, Nigeria and Omen at about US $12 million a piece it HAL is provided sufficient foreign exchange to buy components; and

(b) whether Government would provide sufficient foreign exchange to HAL to purchase components to produce Jaguars for the export market as well as supply to Indian Air Force; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): Yes, Sir.

(b) No specific order for the export of Jaguar aircraft has so far been contracted by HAL. The question of providing foreign exchange for the execution of export order, therefore, does not arise.

Owing to the foreign exchange constraint, discussions have been initiated with certain major vendors on Countertrade/ Rupee payment arrangements for import requirements for the manufacture of Jaguar aircraft against IAF orders.

Price of tomatoes paid by Pepsi

1701. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the price being given to Punjab farmers by Pepsi Foods for tomatoes procured by them;

(b) what is the price given by other manufacturers, and the general price in the market; and

(c) reasons for such a big difference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) As per the information furnished by M/s. Pepsi Foods (Private) Ltd., the contracted price paid to farmers under Pepsi contracts and supervision was Rs. 875/- per ton till 20th June, 1991 and Rs. 1075/- per ton form 21st June, 1991.